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From: Pero, Haley (Sanders) [Haley_Pero@sanders.senate.gov]
Sent: 9/28/2016 3:05:50 PM
To: Brown, Rudy [Brown.Rudy@epa.gov]
CC: Berry, Tom (Leahy) [Tom_Berry@leahy.senate.gov]; George Twigg (george.twigg@mail.house.gov) [george.twigg@mail.house.gov]; Carew, James [Carew.James@epa.gov]; Caterino, Cosmo [Caterino.Cosmo@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: EPA Region 1: Developing Geographic Response Plans for Lake Champlain in Vermont

Hi Rudy (and James),

Thanks for the info. I may have missed the first email in my inbox, but either way, great to confirm we should see future communication. I will try to attend the first meeting, but if I cannot, perhaps we can set up a call to hear how it went.

Thanks as well for the list of departments contacted.

Looking forward to engaging on this issue and supporting our local departments through the planning process.

All the best,
Haley

From: Brown, Rudy [mailto:Brown.Rudy@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2016 10:58 AM
To: Pero, Haley (Sanders) <Haley_Pero@sanders.senate.gov>
Cc: Berry, Tom (Leahy) <Tom_Berry@leahy.senate.gov>; George Twigg (george.twigg@mail.house.gov) <george.twigg@mail.house.gov>; Carew, James <Carew.James@epa.gov>; Caterino, Cosmo <Caterino.Cosmo@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: EPA Region 1: Developing Geographic Response Plans for Lake Champlain in Vermont

Haley,

You, Tom and George are on the contractor's work group list and should have received information directly regarding this meeting, as well as any other meeting.

I have asked and James has added me to the distribution list, so we have another check to be sure the contacts are working appropriately.

Also, if you feel it would be useful to have a call after meeting, I will be glad to coordinate with James and others as necessary to arrange a call.

Thanks.

From: Carew, James
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2016 8:32 AM
To: Brown, Rudy <Brown.Rudy@epa.gov>
Cc: Caterino, Cosmo <Caterino.Cosmo@epa.gov>; Tucker, Carol <tucker.carol@epa.gov>; Gutro, Doug <Gutro.Doug@epa.gov>; Murphy, Jim <Murphy.Jim@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Region 1: Developing Geographic Response Plans for Lake Champlain in Vermont

Rudy,

I understand the importance of keeping the Vermont staff informed of the status. We have both Haley Pero and Tom Berry on our distribution list (attached) so both should have received the invite directly. I will add you to the distribution list as well so you will receive them as well.

Do you happen to have a schedule for subsequent meetings, or should I reach out directly to the contractor?

We do not have a schedule for the subsequent yet. Scheduling future meetings is dependent on availability of spaces we can use for free. Notifications of future meeting dates/time will be sent out via the attached distribution list.

And do you know if this went out to all the fire departments in the region that could be impacted by an oil spill on Lake Champlain?

Below is a list of Fire Departments on the distribution list. If there are any we missed, please let us know. We asked the VT HMRT Chief to help us reach out to the local departments.

- Orwell Fire Department
- Bridgeport Fire Department
- Georgia Fire Department
- Grand Isle Fire Department
- Colchester Fire Department
- Vermont HMRT
- Highgate Fire Department
- Swanton Fire Department
- Alburgh Fire Department
- South Hero Fire Department
- Panton Fire Department
- Addison Fire Department
- North Hero Fire Department
- Shelburne Fire Department
- Isle La Motte Fire Department
- Charlotte Volunteer Fire & Rescue
- St. Albans Town Fire Department
- Shoreham Fire Department
- Milton Fire Department
- Ferrisburg Volunteer Fire Department

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From: Brown, Rudy
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Subject: FW: EPA Region 1: Developing Geographic Response Plans for Lake Champlain in Vermont

James, see the e-mail below. It is important to keep the Vermont staff informed. I have also received an e-mail from Tom Berry, staff for Senator Leahy.

Please review the e-mail below and give me a call.

Thanks.

From: Pero, Haley (Sanders) [mailto:Haley_Pero@sanders.senate.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2016 4:01 PM
To: Brown, Rudy
Cc: Berry, Tom (Leahy) ; Twigg, George (George.Twigg@mail.house.gov)
Subject: FW: EPA Region 1: Developing Geographic Response Plans for Lake Champlain in Vermont

Hi Rudy,

A local town manager forwarded this note to me about an upcoming meeting regarding geographic response plans. I don't know if I can make this meeting, though I'm going to try. Do you happen to have a schedule for subsequent meetings, or should I reach out directly to the contractor? And do you know if this went out to all the fire departments in the region that could be impacted by an oil spill on Lake Champlain?

Thanks,
Haley

From: Mike Popovich [<mailto:popovich@nukaresearch.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2016 2:46 PM
To: inlandgrp@nukaresearch.com
Subject: EPA Region 1: Developing Geographic Response Plans for Lake Champlain in Vermont

Development of Geographic Response Plans for Lake Champlain in Vermont

Nuka Research and Planning Group, LLC has been contracted by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 1 to develop Geographic Response Plans (GRPs), for Lake Champlain. GRPs are response plans tailored to protect specific sensitive areas from oil spill impacts. They show first responders where sensitive areas are located and where to place oil spill protection resources to protect those areas.

This project is funded by EPA Region 1 and being coordinated with similar work in New York funded by EPA Region 2 to provide a more comprehensive response plan for Lake Champlain. This project will develop fifteen (15) GRPs for locations on Lake Champlain within Vermont. A multi-agency, multijurisdictional work group consisting of Federal, State, and local environmental stakeholders will identify the locations for development of these GRPs. Nuka Research will facilitate the work group and the GRP development process. This project will be completed in the Spring of 2017 and we anticipate three (3) Work Group meetings to be held over the life of this project to gather information on areas in need of protection, prioritize those areas and develop the response tactics to be included in the GRPs.

You are receiving this e-mail because you have been identified as a primary point of contact and potential work group member for a stakeholder organization with vested interest in environmental, economic, and social resources in or near Lake Champlain.

On October 13, 2016 from 10 AM to 12 PM we will hold an initial Work Group meeting in Shelburne, VT at the Town Center Office Complex, Meeting Room 1, located at 5420 Shelburne Rd. This meeting will introduce the project to all participants, more fully explain the GRP development process, solicit additional

participation, and disseminate some preliminary work on site sensitivity information based on preliminary consultation with Vermont DEC and information available via Vermont ANR's Natural Resource Atlas. Based on our experience, combining this data with the expertise of local stakeholders provides the best possible foundation for developing GRPs.

A meeting agenda, initial project information, the meeting location/directions, and links to other GRP projects will soon be posted on the project website at <http://www.inlandgrpne.com>.

If you plan to attend this meeting, please RSVP to this email no later than October 11, 2016 so that we can ensure we have adequate space and materials.

This will be the fourth Inland GRP development project completed by EPA Region 1 since 2013 including 10 in Massachusetts, 10 in Maine, and 5 in New Hampshire. Additional information on these projects can be found at the project site [here](#) and the GRPs can be viewed and downloaded from the Regional Response Team One (RRT 1) website [here](#).

If you have any questions about the project or would like more information, please contact either Mike Popovich, Nuka Research Senior Project Manager, at Popovich@nukaresearch.com or by phone at (508) 524-8015 or Mr. James Carew, U.S. EPA Region 1 at carew.james@epa.gov or by phone at (617) 918-1678.

If you would like to be removed from this e-mail distribution list, please notify Mike Popovich or Pete DeCola at pete@nukaresearch.com.

If you know of other personnel who would be able to contribute to this project, please forward their name, e-mail, phone number, and organization to Pete DeCola.

Note: If you are a Town Clerk and are receiving this email it's likely because we could not find email addresses for representatives from your town's fire department, public works, emergency management, conservation commission, or other town entities that might have interest in this project. Please feel free to forward this email to people in your municipality who would normally play a role in an oil spill and/or please forward their contact information to us so that we can update our email distribution list.

We look forward to hearing from you and working together on this important project that will give first responders important direction in the event of an oil spill.

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